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--A **garbled message** has been sent from the Robotnik-controlled Angel Island to Knothole City, the capital of the Acorn monarchy. A message for **Knuckles the Echidna,** former guardian of the Island's **Master Emerald,** telling him that his father, **Locke,** has been taken **prisoner.**

Sonic, Knuckles, and the **Chaotix** team return there to free Locke, but immediately find that the **dingoes**--now acting as Eggman's enforcers--have **enslaved** the island's echidna population. As their first act, the heroes liberate a dingo-operated echidna prisoner camp and find the former Constable Remington among them. Knuckles, who lost his chaos-based powers upon returning from the dead, is surprised to find himself being **worshipped** by Remington and the other echidnas because of his miraculous resurrection. Now Sonic, Knuckles, and the others have traced the message's transmission signal to the island's Lava Reef Zone, only to find themselves surrounded by.....

THE DARK LEGION!

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EVERYBODY--
SCATTER!

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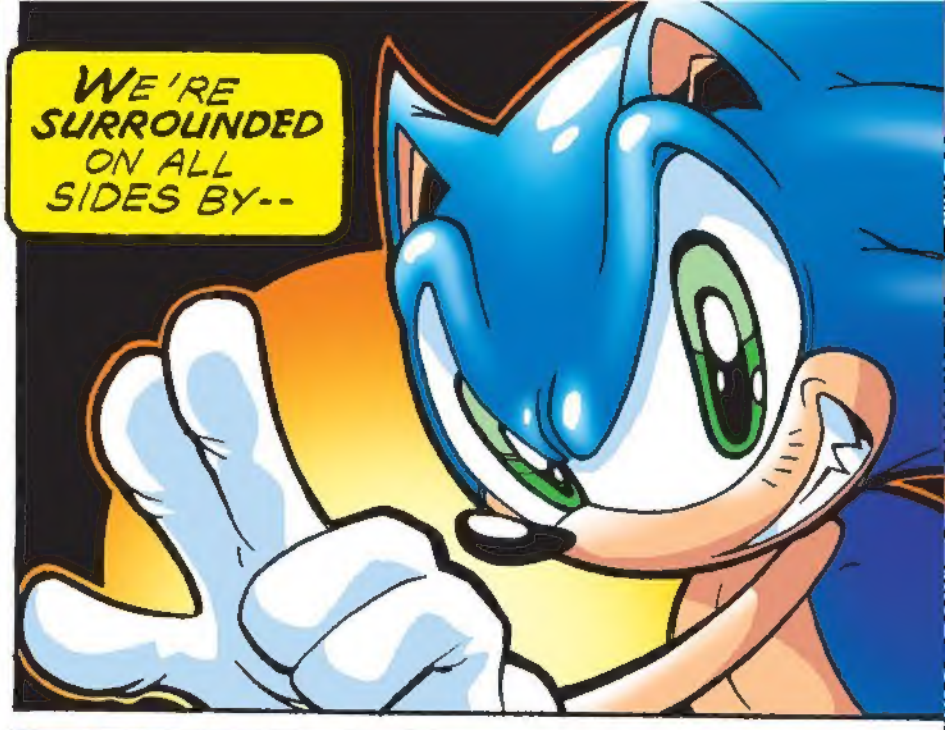

--A CULT OF **ANTISOCIAL,** TECHNOLOGY-OBSESSED **ECHIDNAS!**

IN OTHER WORDS--

--BAD **NEWS!**

UGH!

ACK!

SHBOOM!

FLAME-SWORDS... MUST'VE CANCELED EACH OTHER **OUT!**

WAUD

BOY--

WHOK

UGH!

--I FORGOT HOW STRONGLY **KNUCKLES** FEELS FOR THESE **DUDES!**

AIR NECKLACE

AND IF HE CAN'T STAND THEM...

HOW'RE YOU DOING BACK THERE, VECTOR?

THE... uhh... HEAT IS ON, MIGHTY!

KLONK

NYAH-NYAH!

STOP HORSING AROUND, RAY!

SORRY, ESPIO-- THIS IS FUN!

SHRAK

NICE MOVES, CHARMY!

THANKS, JULIE-SU!

ZIP

... NEITHER CAN THE CHAOTIX!

EVERYBODY! PLEASE!

STOP FIGHTING! WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!

M-MOM...?

KNUCKLES! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
WELCOME, AVATAR!
AVA--? WYNMACHER?
YOUR STEPFATHER AND I HAVE MISSED YOU, SON!
I MISSED YOU, TOO, MOM, BUT WHY THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS HANGING WITH THE DARK LEGION?
THEY ARE ANGEL ISLAND'S RESISTANCE AGAINST ROBOTNIK AND THE DINGOES, AVATAR!
GET UP OFF THE GROUND, WYN—AND STOP CALLING ME THAT!
YES, AVATAR...
DID YOU HEAR ME?
YES, AVATAR...
HUH.
COME WITH US, SON! SOME OF YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A GOOD MEAL, SOME REST...
...AND A WARM BATH!

THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE
SONIC...?
I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN KNOTHOLE ANYMORE!
AV-A-TAR! AV-A-TAR!
SHEESH! I DIDN'T GET A RECEPTION LIKE THIS WHEN I CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD!*
DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU.
THE AVATAR WALKS AMONG US! PROPHECY
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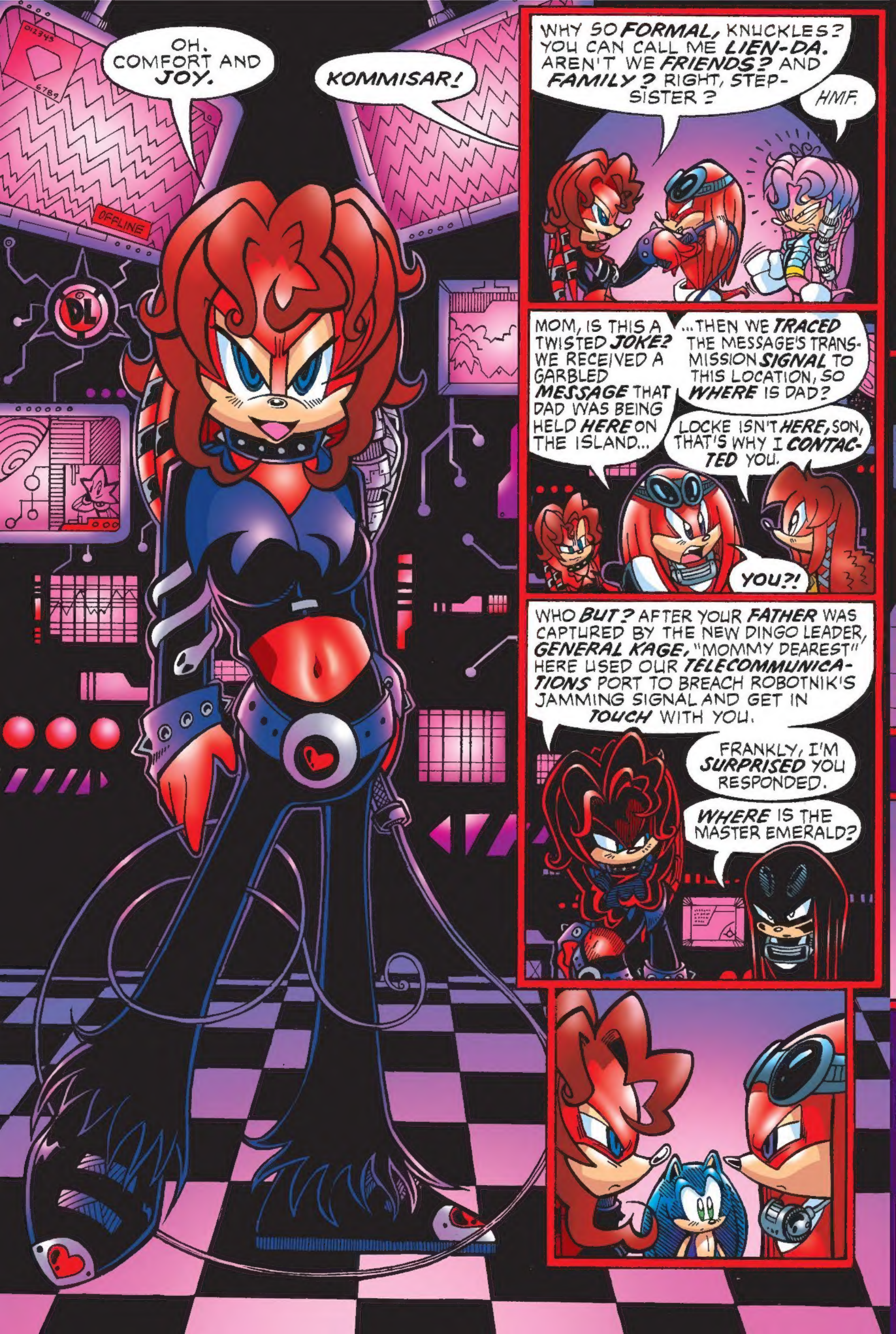
*SEE ISSUE #130.
WHAT ARE ALL OF THESE ECHIDNAS DOING HERE?
LIVING IN FREEDOM NOW THAT THE DARK LEGION HAS LIBERATED THEM FROM ROBOTNIK'S PRISON CAMPS.
Uhh... WHO'RE YOU?
CALL ME... DOCTOR FINITEVUS.
AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS UNDERGROUND CAVERN IS A SANCTUARY WHERE OUR SPECIES CAN LIVE WITHOUT DINGO OPPRESSION.
FOLLOW ME.
HAIL T AVATA

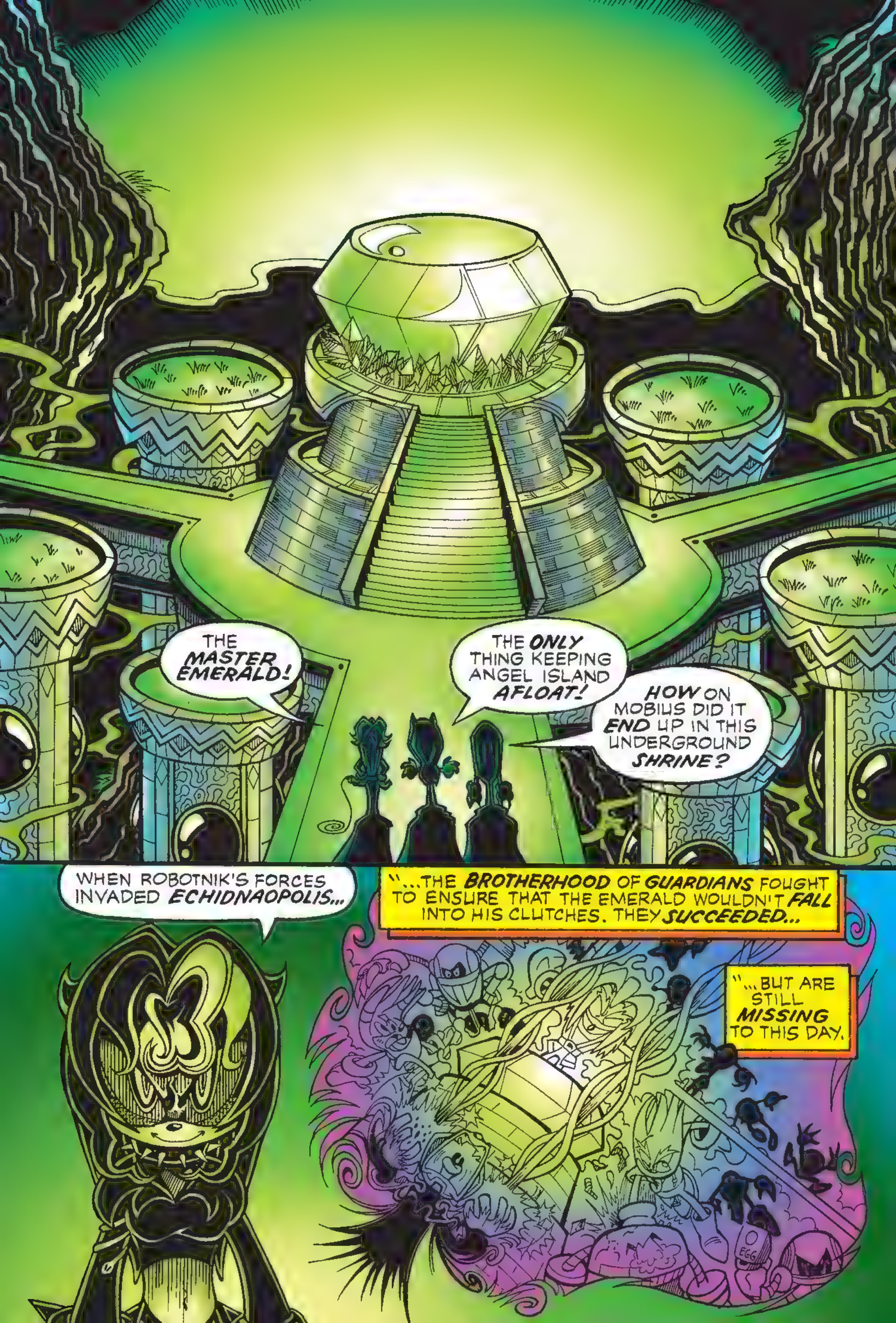
WHOA! THIS SPREAD IS *KILLER*, DUDE!

WHAT... WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?

WE'RE IN THE *HIDDEN PALACE ZONE*, SON, AND *THAT'S* THE HIDDEN PALACE!


OH. COMFORT AND JOY.
KOMMISAR!
OFFLINE
WHY SO FORMAL, KNUCKLES? YOU CAN CALL ME LIEN-DA. AREN'T WE FRIENDS? AND FAMILY? RIGHT, STEP-SISTER?
HMF.
MOM, IS THIS A TWISTED JOKE? WE RECEIVED A GARBLED MESSAGE THAT DAD WAS BEING HELD HERE ON THE ISLAND...
...THEN WE TRACED THE MESSAGE'S TRANSMISSION SIGNAL TO THIS LOCATION, SO WHERE IS DAD?
LOCKE ISN'T HERE, SON, THAT'S WHY I CONTACTED YOU.
YOU?!
WHO BUT? AFTER YOUR FATHER WAS CAPTURED BY THE NEW DINGO LEADER, GENERAL KAGE, "MOMMY DEAREST" HERE USED OUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS PORT TO BREACH ROBOTNIK'S JAMMING SIGNAL AND GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.
FRANKLY, I'M SURPRISED YOU RESPONDED.
WHERE IS THE MASTER EMERALD?

EMERALD ALTAR
SONIC AND KNUCKLES--COME WITH ME. EVERYONE ELSE--STAY HERE.
WHOA.
DOES THAT LOOK LIKE WHAT I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE, OR IS IT JUST ME?
IT'S NOT YOU, AND AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS YOU--THAT TAPESTRY SHOWS SUPER SONIC SQUARING OFF AGAINST EGGMAN, QUESTION IS: WHO WEAVED IT?
WE DON'T KNOW. THIS PALACE IS POSSIBLY THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD. THAT OLD, MOTH-EATEN TAPESTRY WAS HERE WHEN THE DARK LEGION FOUND THE SECRET RING PORTAL ENTRANCE-WAYS LEADING TO THIS PLACE.
BUT, THE ISLAND IS ONLY...
ENOUGH OF THAT MYSTERY. FOR NOW, BEHOLD...


THE MASTER EMERALD!
THE ONLY THING KEEPING ANGEL ISLAND AFLOAT!
HOW ON MOBIUS DID IT END UP IN THIS UNDERGROUND SHRINE?
WHEN ROBOTNIK'S FORCES INVADED ECHIDNAOPOLIS...
"...THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS FOUGHT TO ENSURE THAT THE EMERALD WOULDN'T FALL INTO HIS CLUTCHES. THEY SUCCEEDED...
"...BUT ARE STILL MISSING TO THIS DAY.
EGG

" THIRTY SIX HOURS AGO, AS THE DINGOES APPROACHED HAVEN, YOUR FATHER--LOCKE--THE EMERALD'S CURRENT GUARDIAN--
"...ENTRUSTED ITS CARE TO MY DARK LEGION--
HAVEN
"--WHILE HE REMAINED BEHIND TO FACE THE ENEMY."
YOUR DARK LEGION? WHAT HAPPENED TO DIMITRI? DOESN'T HE RUN THIS OUTFIT?
MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER IS NO LONGER...WITH US. I'M IN CHARGE, AT LAST.
WAIT A--
YEAEAARGHH-!!
KNUX?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, "AVATAR?" NOT FEELING SO WELL?
P-PAIN...
PERHAPS YOU'RE NOT AS INVINCIBLE AS THOSE SUPERSTITIOUS IDIOTS OUTSIDE BELIEVE YOU TO BE...

Later...

WHAT HAPPENED KNUX? WHY'D YOU GET SICK INSIDE OF THE SHRINE?

THE GODDESS AURORA WARNED ME THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF I CHOSE TO RETURN FROM THE AFTER-LIFE.*

AVATAR!

HELP US GUARDIAN!

PROPHEC

*SEE ISSUE #125.

INSTEAD OF GIVING ME ENERGY LIKE IT DID IN THE PAST, LOOKS LIKE THE MASTER EMERALD IS SAPPING ME OF WHAT LITTLE I HAVE--

--AND I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT!

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, KNUCKLES!

I DON'T GET IT! WHY ARE WE SITTING AROUND MOPING WHEN WE SHOULD BE OUT CRACKING MORE DINGO SKULLS?

OUR DOUBLE AGENT HAS NOT YET CONTACTED US. ONCE HE DOES, WE SHALL KNOW WHERE KAGE AND HIS ILK HAVE IMPRISONED LOCKE...

A-AVATAR...?

WE'RE *SORRY* MY NAME IS *POLLU*. MY WIFE, *MERI-CA*, AND I ARE DEEPLY *SPIRITUAL* PEOPLE...

...AND HAVE ALWAYS *BELIEVED* IN THE *PROPHECY OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS* THAT SPEAKS OF YOUR MIRACULOUS *POWERS*. DURING ROBOTNIK'S INVASION OUR DAUGHTER, *DESI-CA*...

...LOST HER *SIGHT* IN BOTH EYES.

THE DARK LEGION *OFFERED* TO FASHION CYBERNETIC *IMPLANTS* TO RESTORE HER *VISION*, BUT WE COULDN'T *ACCEPT*.

NOT WHEN THE PROPHECY *STATES* THAT THE AVATAR CAN PERFORM *MIRACLES!*

YOU WERE *IMBECILES* TO REFUSE OUR OFFER OF *SCIENCE!* THAT PROPHECY IS NO MORE THAN A *CRUEL* SUPERSTITION! TELL ME-- *WHERE* HAS YOUR SO-CALLED 'AVATAR' *BEEN* THIS PAST YEAR?

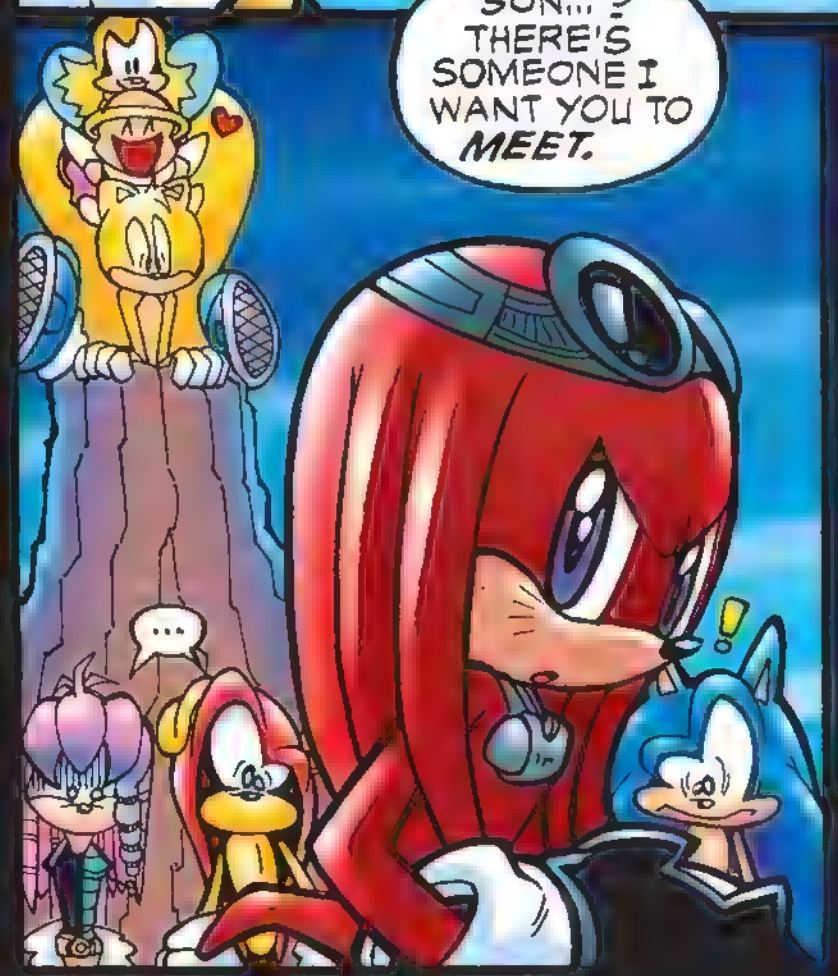
WHERE WAS HE WHILE YOU WERE *LANGUISHING* IN ROBOTNIK'S PRISON CAMP? OFF PLAYING *ERRAND-BOY* TO THE KINGDOM OF *ACORN!*

HE CARED NOTHING ABOUT YOUR WELFARE, YET YOU BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM, WHILE THUMBING YOUR NOSES AT YOUR TRUE BENEFACTORS!
BAH!
SHEESH! SOMEBODY SURE DIDN'T NEED THAT EXTRA CUP OF COFFEE THIS MORNING! LOOK... uhh... FOLKS? THE... Er... 'AVATAR'... COULD USE A FEW MINUTES...
NO! POLLU... MERI-CA... WAIT. I... I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO HELP YOU. I'M NOT THE ONE THE PROPHECY SPEAKS OF.
YO, YO, HOLD UP! HOW DO WE KNOW THAT FOR SURE?
BECAUSE THE PROPHECY OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS IS BUNK, VECTOR! THAT'S HOW! YOU HEARD DOCTOR FINITEVUS!
WHAT A BIG SURPRISE, JULIE-SU! YOU AGREE WITH THE DARK LEGION!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN, SUIT-CASE FACE?
I'M SAYING IT SURE FEELS LIKE OL' HOME WEEK 'ROUND HERE! DO I REALLY NEED TO READ YOU THE FINE PRINT?

COOL IT, YOU TWO!

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THE WAY THIS MISSION HAS BEEN GOING!

EVER SINCE WE ARRIVED ON ANGEL ISLAND WE'VE BEEN HIT WITH ONE SURPRISE AFTER ANOTHER! FASCIST DINGOES! ECHIDNA PRISONER CAMPS! ANCIENT PROPHECIES! KOMMISAR IN CONTROL!
WELL, I'VE HAD IT WITH SURPRISES, PEOPLE! I--
KNUCKLES...?


SON...? THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET.
...

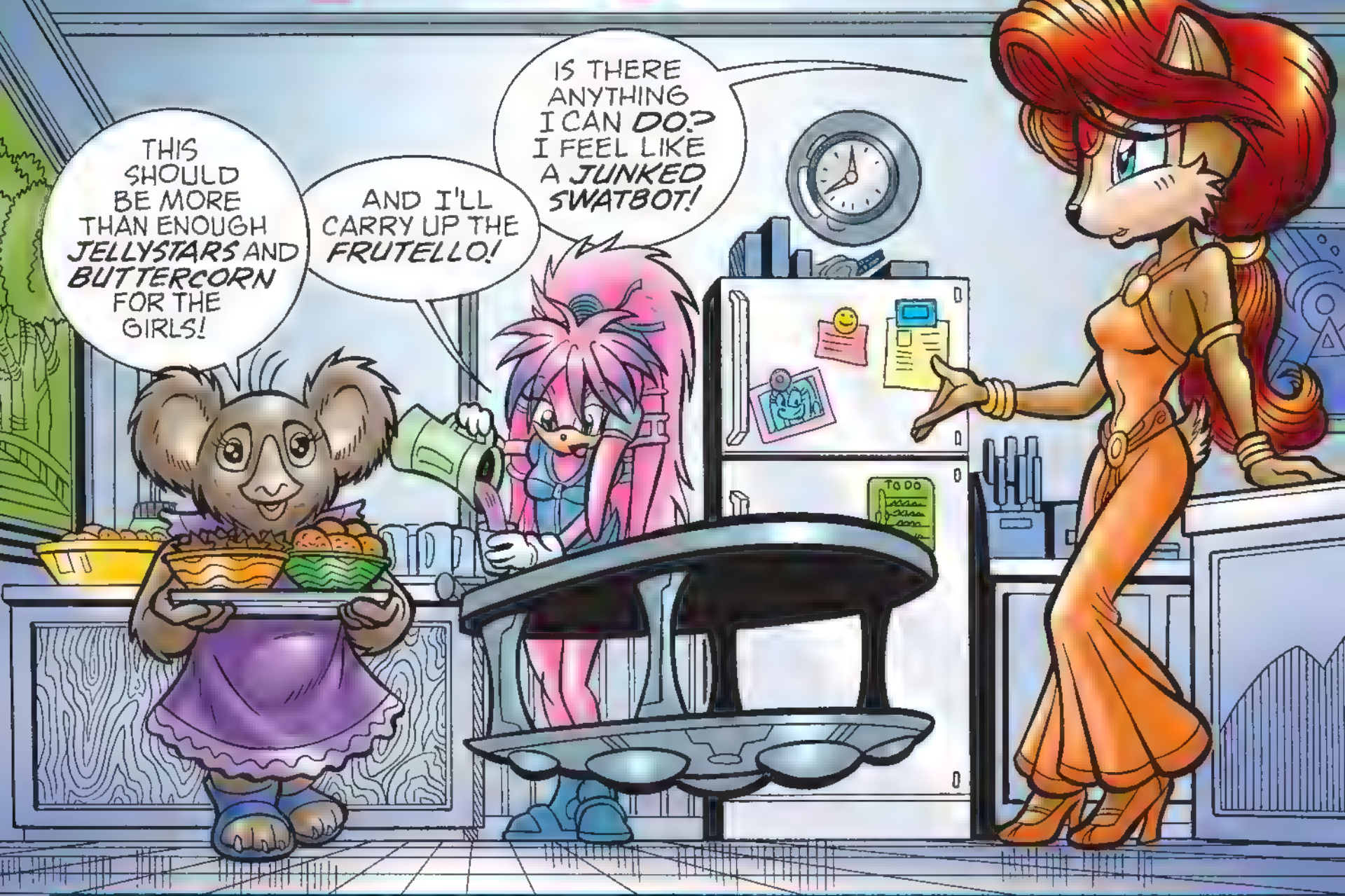
MOM...? WHO'S THIS?

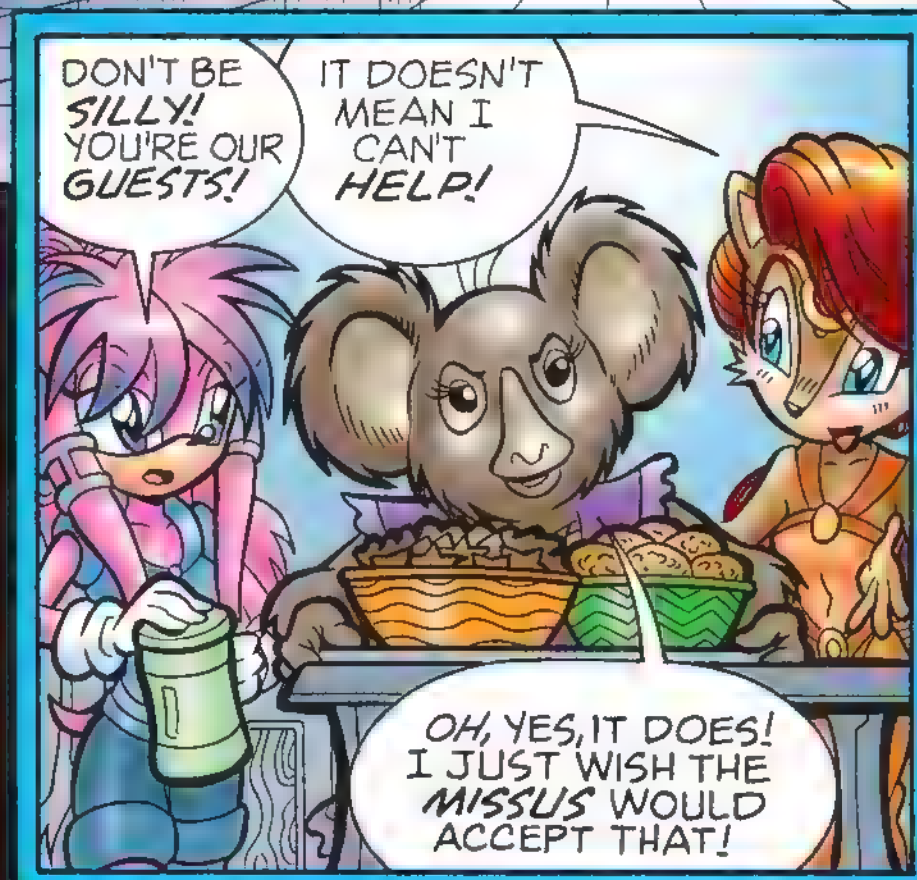
TO BE CONTINUED!

INDIGNUS
25 YEARS LATER
SLUMBER Party

SONIC AND HIS FAMILY HAVE COME TO VISIT KNUCKLES AND HIS ON ANGEL ISLAND. DURING DINNER, KNUCKLES REPORTED THE GRIM NEWS HE RECEIVED FROM COBAR AND ROTOR CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE LATEST WEATHER PATTERNS.

WITH DINNER CONCLUDED, SALLY AND JULIE-SU NOW TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO THE CHILDREN...





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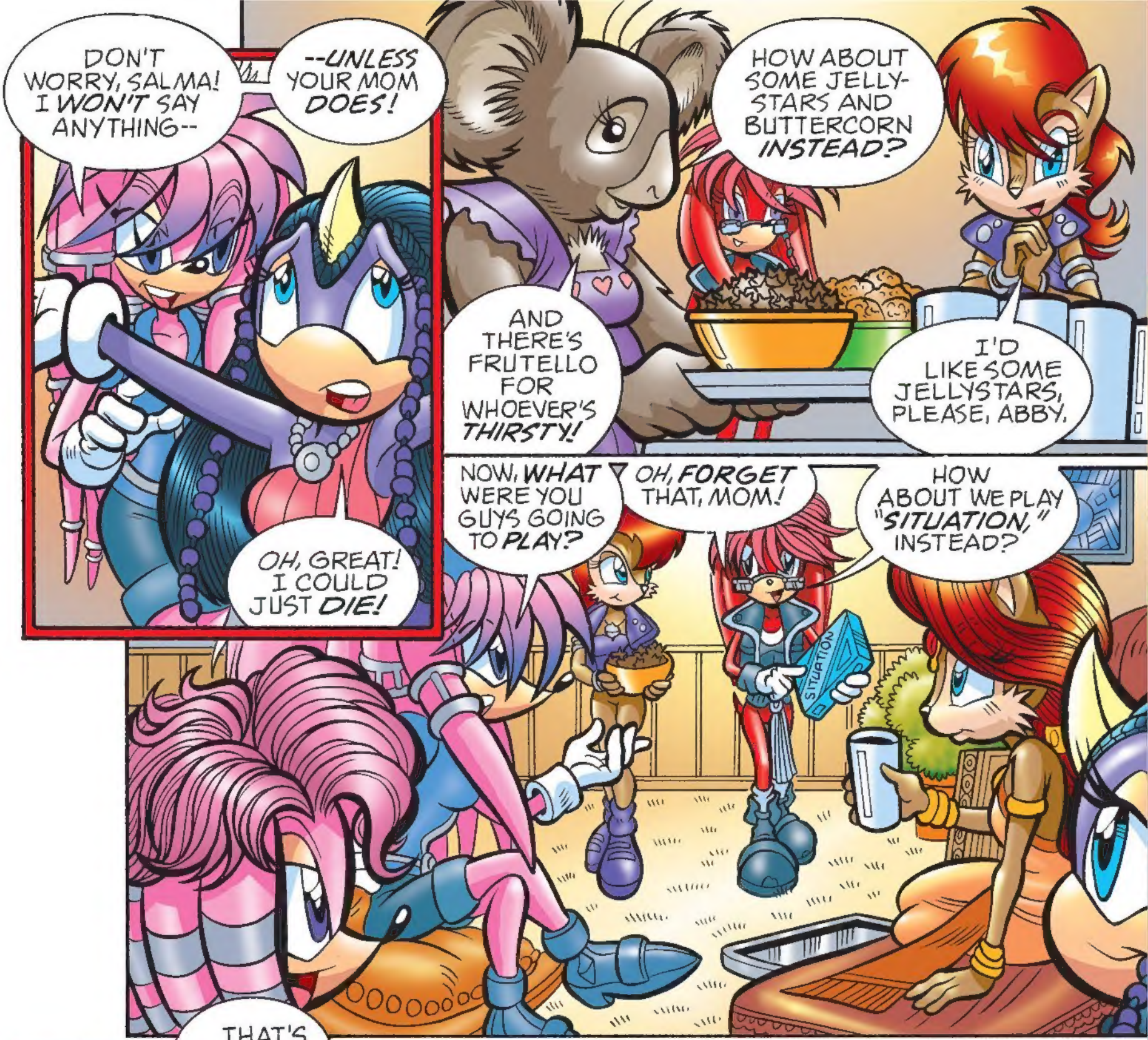
BY THE WAY, ABBY, DID YOU SHOW MANIK THE GAME ROOM?
I DOUBT VERY MUCH HE'S GOING TO HANG OUT WITH THE GIRLS!
I CAN THINK OF A REASON OR THREE--
"--WHY HE WOULD!"
--SO WHOEVER THE BOTTLE POINTS TO WHEN IT STOPS HAS TO DO WHATEVER THE PERSON WHO SPUN THE BOTTLE SAYS!
NOW--WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?
SALMA?
LARA-SU?
AS THE ONLY BOY HERE, I THINK YOU SHOULD SPIN FIRST!
I SMELL A RAT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, RIKI-LE?
YOU COULD ALWAYS BEAT THE SNOT OUT OF MANIK IF HE GETS OUT OF LINE!
RIGHT, SONIA?
I'D RATHER HURL THAN DO ANYTHING MY BROTHER SAYS!
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT!
I MEAN, MY YOUNGER SISTER JUANITA CAN BE ANNOYING AT TIMES--
--BUT WE GET ALONG FOR THE MOST PART!
I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM!
I DON'T RECALL ASKING WHETHER ANYONE DID OR NOT!
SO IS EVERY-ONE GAME?
GAME FOR WHAT?

WONDER WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT?

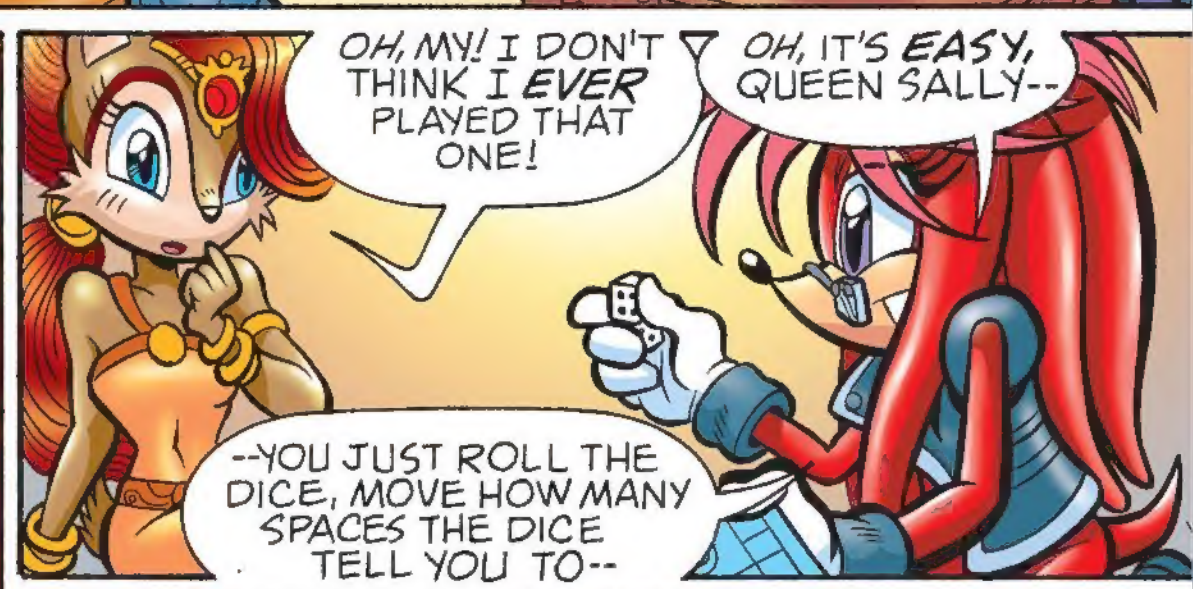
BOYS CAN BE HARD TO FIGURE OUT AT TIMES!

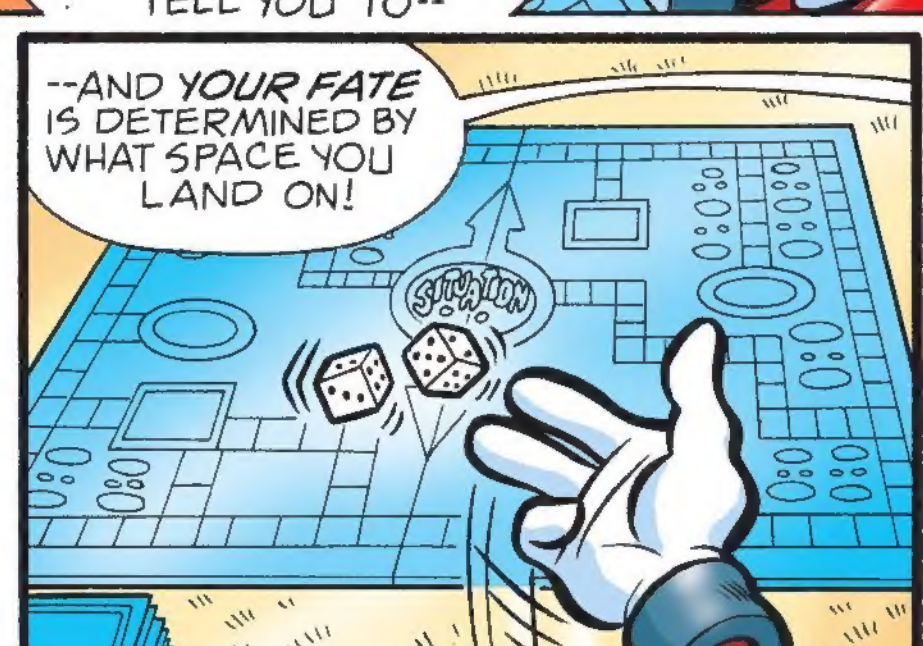
UNLESS YOU HAVE THEIR NUMBER!

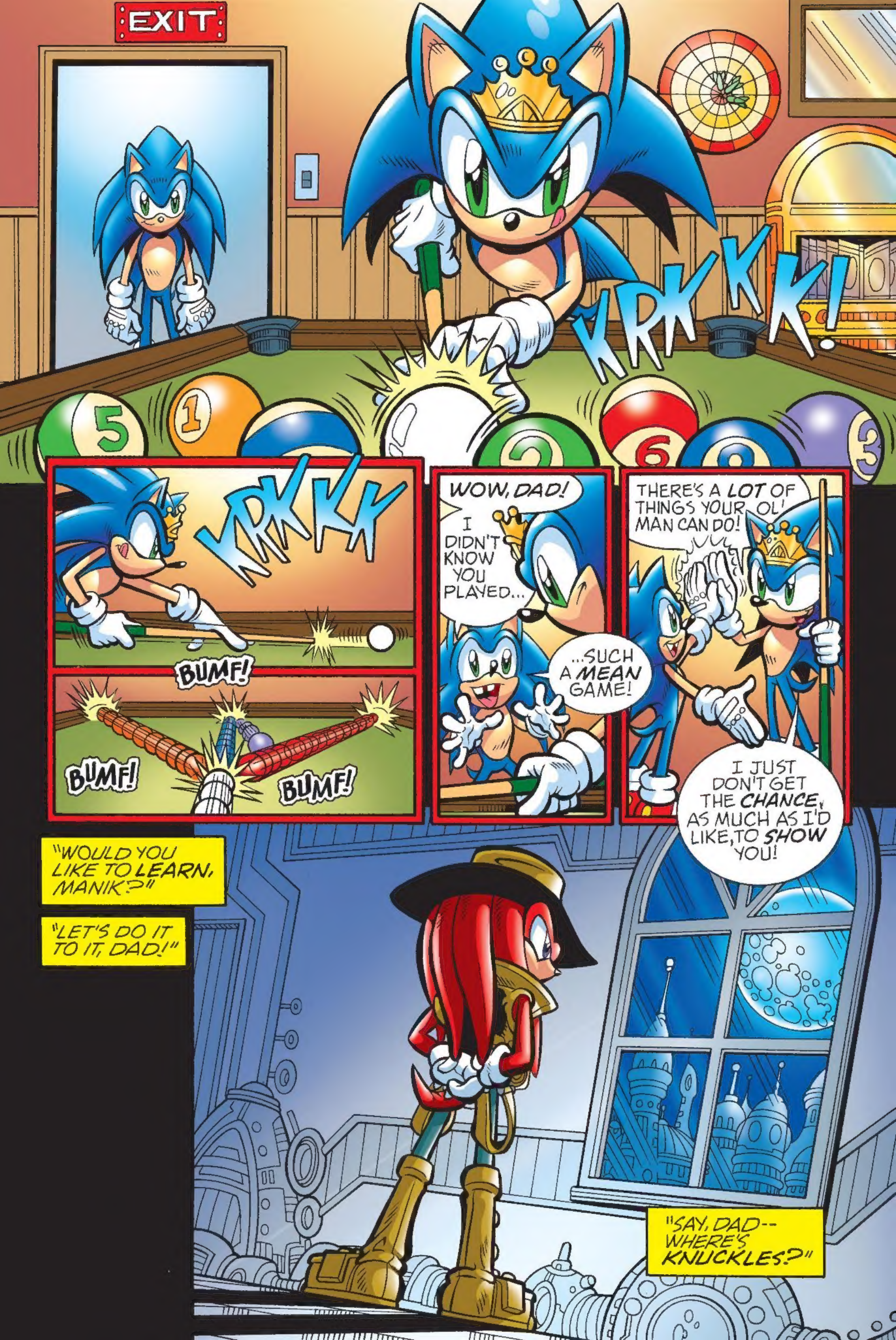
WHOOSH!


DON'T WORRY, SALMA! I WON'T SAY ANYTHING--
--UNLESS YOUR MOM DOES!
OH, GREAT! I COULD JUST DIE!
HOW ABOUT SOME JELLY-STARS AND BUTTERCORN INSTEAD?
AND THERE'S FRUTELLO FOR WHOEVER'S THIRSTY!
I'D LIKE SOME JELLYSTARS, PLEASE, ABBY.
NOW, WHAT WERE YOU GUYS GOING TO PLAY?
OH, FORGET THAT, MOM!
HOW ABOUT WE PLAY "SITUATION," INSTEAD?
SITUATION

THAT'S ONE OF MY FAVES!
YEAH! GOOD ONE, SU!


OH, MY! I DON'T THINK I EVER PLAYED THAT ONE!
OH, IT'S EASY, QUEEN SALLY--
--YOU JUST ROLL THE DICE, MOVE HOW MANY SPACES THE DICE TELL YOU TO--


--AND YOUR FATE IS DETERMINED BY WHAT SPACE YOU LAND ON!
SITUATION


EXIT
KRKKK!
KRKKK
BUMF!
BUMF!
BUMF!
WOW, DAD!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED...
...SUCH A MEAN GAME!
THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS YOUR OL' MAN CAN DO!
I JUST DON'T GET THE CHANCE, AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE, TO SHOW YOU!
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN, MANIK?"
"LET'S DO IT TO IT, DAD!"
"SAY, DAD-- WHERE'S KNUCKLES?"

SONIA AND I WERE WONDERING WHAT THE SCOOP WAS ON OUR DADS!
WHAT SCOOP, LARA-SU?
C'MON, MOM-- YOU AND QUEEN SALLY GET ALONG GREAT!
--BUT WE DON'T GET THE SAME VIBE...
--FROM EITHER OF OUR DADS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GUARDIAN TO FIGURE IT OUT!
AND TO THIS DAY, I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY!
THEY BOTH HAVE...
--SO MUCH IN COMMON--
--AND YET THEY'VE BEEN LIKE OIL AND WATER SINCE THE DAY THEY MET!
KINDA LIKE YOU AND DAD WHEN YOU FIRST MET, EH, MOM?
I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET, LARA-SU!
I'VE LOVED YOUR FATHER SINCE THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW HIM!
"EVEN WHEN YOU WERE CLOBBERING THE SNOT OUT OF HIM?"
TO BE CONTINUED...